GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN THE STANDARD OF MEDICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received reports indicating sharp decline in the standards of medical education;

(b) whether the National Knowledge Commission has also drawn the attention of the Government towards progressive decline in medical institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial measures being taken to arrest the decline in medical education and institutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a) to (d) No, Sir. The National Knowledge Commission in its report of the working group on medical education has not reported about sharp decline in the standard of medical education. However, in the report, it is stated that most of the Medical Colleges are located in urban areas and have failed to meet the health care needs of rural areas. It has further indicated about concentration of Medical Colleges in some States. In order to further improve the quality of medical education, it has recommended that medical education should be made nationally sensitive and globally competitive.

The Central Government is administering Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 to regulate and maintain the quality of medical education in the country through Medical Council of India (MCI). MCI is maintaining the standard of medical education both at undergraduate and postgraduate level through its various Regulations. In fact over the years, there has been increase in the number of Medical Colleges and intake capacity in MBBS course and post graduate courses in the country.